



## Weekly News

### 2023 Baccalaureate

**Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm**

There will be a Baccalaureate service for the Tremont High School Seniors in the High School Cafetorium on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30 pm. The event is free and no tickets are needed.

Please come show your support for the Class of 2023!

### Roboteers 2024 Season Applications - Open through May 31

Robotics team applications for the Roboteers 2024 season are open now through May 31st (current 8th graders - Juniors)!

Applications are available at [www.team2481.com](http://www.team2481.com). If accepted, you'll join the team for summer events.

For anyone interested in the team who wants more information, we are hosting two Open Houses at our new robotics center (next to the Middle School): Saturday, May 13th from 11:00 - 1:00 PM and Thursday, May 25th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Come tour the robotics center, see previous robots, talk to current team members, meet the mentors and coaches, and learn about the team. Snacks will be provided.

If you cannot make either date, but want more information, please reach out to us ([matt@team2481.com](mailto:matt@team2481.com))!

### Summer Volleyball Camps - Registration Due May 24

The **2023 Volleyball Camp** will run June 5th - 8th for incoming kindergartners through 8th grader in the High School North Gym. Incoming K - 2nd will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Incoming 3rd - 5th grade will meet from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. Incoming 6th - 8th grade will meet from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

Registration form and fee due by May 24th to the GS/MS Office or by mail to Coach Klaus (address provided on form).

### Did you know...?

**A Confederate Point of View**

The late Tremont historian Don Nieukirk had a frequent column in the Tremont News. One topic was a Confederate soldier's letters. Former Tremont resident Bob Pitsch had sent the letters to Don from his new home in North Carolina. Below are some excerpts from his article.

"...from the Confederate viewpoint, their cause was equally just and their loss and suffering equally inhumane. Private James Fenton Bryant was a member of Company A, 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry...His earliest correspondence was lighthearted and generally described a life of ease. While stationed in Smithfield, N.C. ...he wrote, '*A village, town or country never contained more generous kindhearted and hospitable people. The best thing about Smithfield is its abundance of intelligent and pretty ladies...for the soldiers they sewed, mended, washed and fed. Every evening they passed our barracks and threw us bouquets...*'

"In June, 1861, Bryant told his father about staying at his friend's house in Smithfield, enjoying breakfast and juleps. Then his company marched to Tucker Swamp Church for more juleps, this time with ice. Bryant also wrote his father asking him to visit, '*and bring Levi*' (a slave) to help him, '*because I have so many duties to perform.*' He was irked when Levi didn't show up, fussing because the soldiers had to do their own cooking.

"In the fall of 1861, life began to get rough. His outfit was living in a rat-infested granary, and there was more guard duty than before '*because so many were sick and some had gone home.*' From Elizabeth City, NC, he wrote, '*We were driven out by the shot and shells of the Yankees, whose gunboats were only a quarter of a mile from our quarters. The cannon balls were bursting into our quarters and tearing them to pieces. They were flying before me and after me. I could hear them whizzing by me and see them scatter.*'

"There was nothing glamorous or romantic about the war at this point. The Southerners were badly outnumbered, had little to eat, and many became sick... At one point, Bryant was taken prisoner, but escaped. He was also twice wounded. But they felt the sacrifices were worthwhile and the cause was just.

"In December, he wrote that the brigade was, '*faring miserably – living on half rations for over a month.*' In a June, 1863 letter he expressed optimism (after a battle was won.) '*The Yanks charged and were repulsed with a loss of about 8,000 killed or wounded, while ours was only 500. At such odds I think we shall exterminate them.*'

"It was not to be. The Northern military might, the Southern blockade, and fate worked for the Union."

Tremont Museum and Historical Society  
Lori Fuoss, 2023

## Tremont Museum

### **THIS WEEK on Tuesday, May 16**

at 7:00 pm in the Tremont Community Center

#### ***"Owl 08 - The Story of 1st Lt. Robert Beutel and Captain James Steadman," Presented by Tom Sedlieck***

*At 2:30 am on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, 1st Lt. Robert Beutel (from Tremont) and Capt. James Steadman of the US Air Force took off on a night mission from Ubon Air Base, Thailand in an F-4D Phantom fighter plane. Their call sign was Owl 08. At 3 am, after an aerial refueling, Owl 08 departed for their target area over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. That was the last time anyone heard from the two aviators and exactly what happened to them remains a mystery to this day.*



**1st Lieutenant Robert D. Beutel, USAF  
(Promoted to Captain posthumously)  
Laos 11-26-72, Hometown: Tremont, IL**

Join us on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 at the Tremont Community Center. Refreshments will be served by the Tremont Grade School's Fist Bumping Vet. The public is welcome!

### **The Tremont Museum WILL be open Memorial Day Sunday**

Good News, we have extended out the "Fab 50s" exhibit until the end of July, 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2 - 4 pm.

## **Tremont District Library News**

### **LEGO Afternoons (6 yrs +)**

May 15, 2023, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Do you like to build with LEGOs? Of course! Who doesn't?

LEGO afternoons are perfect for kids who are 6 years old and older and want to show off their building skills, try out new LEGO sets, and attempt challenges (like creating a LEGO stop motion video!). No registration required!

### **Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (Young Adult Book Club) (12 - 19 yrs)**

May 16, 2023, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Hogwarts' Half-Bloods is Tremont Library's Young Adult/Teen Book Club. We meet monthly to discuss a book, enjoy a treat from Eli's and hang out for a bit. Here's how to participate:

1. Be between 12 and 19 years of age.
2. Get a copy of the month's book. We'll have lots of extra copies behind the desk at Tremont District Library that you can checkout, just ask for one!
3. Read it! (or at least read a summary, there will be spoilers at our meetings!)
4. On the day of the book club, meet Lizzi at the library in the YA section. Around 6:45 when everyone is ready, we'll head down to Eli's , pic out drinks and treats (on us!), and then head back to the library to book talk it up.

....and that's it! We hope you'll join us!

### **Baby & Me (ages 0-3)**

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

New and experienced parents are invited to join Miss Nicole on Wednesday mornings for a parent/baby support group. Meet other parents in the area, make friends, enjoy new toys, lots of books, and a must: free coffee!

The focus of this group is parents and young children ages 0-3, but other siblings are always welcome! No registration required, drop in whenever works best for you.

### **Third Thursday Bookclub (Adults)**

May 18, 2023, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Pick up a copy of this month's book at the library's front desk, and then join us for a discussion on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30pm!

Meetings are held at the Community Center or in the Library's Meeting Room. E-mail Maria ([maria@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:maria@tremontlibrary.com)) to get on the mailing list for updates about bookclub.

### **Teen Night: Hydro Dipping**

May 18, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

When the schedule didn't work for this program last fall, it joined a lit of "Programs We Can't Wait to Do" and now, it's finally here! Hydrodipping involves transferring paint designs and colors using water. Join us to try out your hydrodipping skills!

Come when you can and stay as long as you like!

### **Move & Do (0 - 5 yrs)**

May 19, 2023 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Much like Baby & Me and Sensory Play Day, Move & Do is an educational-based free play day for littles ages 0-5! There will be different themes to explore each month, new friends to meet, and time to work on those early social and motor skills.

No registration required. Drop in and stay for as little or long as you like!

## **Tremont Community Senior Meals**

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Lunch will be served at 11:00 am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The first gathering will be May 8th!

You must reserve your seat by calling (309) 674-1131 ext. 231

Located at the Tremont Community Center (216 S. Sampson St).

Meals are free to all seniors, donations are accepted.

Brought to you by Neighborhood House Peoria  
and Tremont Community Share Closet



The Share Closet is now starting to accept donations of new/unopened paper plates, plasticware, cups, and napkins to serve the food on. Donations may be brought to the back door of the Share Closet during their open hours.

## Community Calendar

### Monday

HS Softball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Fr-So @ Eureka. - 4:30 PM

### Tuesday

HS Softball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Regional - TBA

### Wednesday

HS Softball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Regional - TBA

### Thursday

HS Softball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Regional - TBA

HS Track & Field Girls State Meet - TBA

HS Track and Field Boys Sectional Meet - TBA

### Friday

HS Softball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Regional - TBA

HS Track and Field Boys Sectional Meet - TBA

### Saturday

HS Softball Regional - TBA

HS Baseball Regional - TBA

HS Track & Field Girls State Meet - TBA

\* - Denotes conference game.

**[Check here more more up to date information](#)**



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

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